Management Act regulations and also look at foreign investments in a company as a whole instead of treating foreign institutional investors as a separate entity;

(b) if so, whether the proposed policy change will impact several sectors particularly those like asset reconstruction companies, direct-to-home distribution of broadcast signals and real estate; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Reduction in Rate of Interest on FCNR Deposits

4328. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the large forex reserves there is upward pressure on the rupee;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to stop accepting Foreign Currency Non Resident (FNCR) deposits to reduce the rate of interest on them; and

(c) whether Government will review the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The exchange rate of the rupee is determined by demand and supply factors. As such capital flows into India would influence the exchange rate of the Rupee. The level of foreign exchange reserves, *inter alia,* depend on the purchase/sale of foreign currency by the Reserve Bank of India to maintain orderly conditions in the foreign exchange market. Interest rates on NRI deposits are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Biometric ATM service

†4329. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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